Foreign Tourists in Assam

3905. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign tourists visiting Assam has fallen during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) number of foreign and domestic tourists that visited Assam during the last three-years?

THE MNISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited Assam during the last 3 years are as given below :—

Year	Domestic Tourist	Foreign Tourist	Total
1990	15,382	475	15,857
1991	14,270	385	14,655
1992	19,029	431	19,460

The decline in tourists during 1991 was primarily due to law and order problems in the area and the over all decline in foreign tourist traffic to the country due to Gulf War and its after math.

Infrastructural Development of Tourism in Assam

3906. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new schemes have been approved for infrastructural development of tourism in Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details of these schemes; and

(c) how much fund has been made available for promotion of tourism in Assam in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) During 1992-93 the Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned following projects for infrastructural development of tourism in Assam:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1.	Pilgrim cottages at Kamakhaya	27.09
2.	Wayside facilities at Kalain	11.73
3.	Tourist Resort at Bardaloni	14.00

(c) The Central financial assistance extended to Government of Assam during the last three years is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Sanctioned
1989-90	08.50
1990-91	22.67
1991-92	174.79

International Airlines Skipping Delhi

3907. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US-based Delta Airlines and some other international Airlines have decided not to fly into or over Delhi for an indefinite period of time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore and the reaction of the Government in respect thereto; and

(c) whether any international Airlines has ever chosen to avoid the country's capital in the past?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Delta Airlines had cancelled its flights from Delhi on 18th, 20th and 22nd of March, 1993, and resumed services thereafter.

(c) Some of the airlines having traffic rights over Delhi withdraw their services from there on commercial considerations.

Development of Bhavani Island at Vijayawada

3908. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal from Andhra Pradesh to develop Bhavani Island in River Krishna at Vijayawada is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the stage of the proposal at present?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 17.50 lakhs for construction of cottages and a restaurant at Bhavani Island at Vijayawada during 1991-92.

Foreign Tourists visiting Punjab

3909. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign tourists that visited Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the number of tourists expected in the year 1993-94; and

(c) what are the various incentives proposed to be offered to foreign tourists for visiting Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to the information available from the State Government, the number of foreign tourists who visited Punjab during last three years are estimated as:—

Year	*Foreign Tourists*
1990	280
1991	257
1992	267

The projections for 1993-94 are not available.

(c) No special incentives are proposed to be offered to foreign tourists who visited Punjab.

विमानपत्तनों पर बेहतर सुविधायें तथा उनके विकास के लिये योजना

3910. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री छोटू भाई पटेल :
क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण और राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर सुविधाओं के विस्तार तथा उनके विकास के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उस पर कितनी लागत आएगी; और

(ग) इस योजना में सम्मिलित किए जाने वाले हवाई अड्डों के नाम क्या हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) टर्मिनल और अन्य आधार-भूत सुविधाओं का विस्तार एक निरन्तर चलते